larger capacity long range aircraft is also extremely wide. Under the new Industrial Policy, aircraft manufacturing has been dereserved.

(c) Presently, M/s. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited are manufacturing DO-228 aircraft under licence from M/s. Dornier GMGH Germany, for defence services as well as for domestic civilian use. The number of aircrafts to be manufactured during the 8th Plan period for civil use will depend on the demand projection from the users of this aircraft.

Duty Time Schedule of Cabin Crew

4453. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the flight and duty time limitations of Cabin Crew in Indian Airlines;

(b) what is the maximum flying hours under the flight and duty time limitations applicable to cabin crew, per month;

(c) whether there are instances of exceeding the prescribed monthly flying hours;

(d) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(e) what steps Government propose to take to prevent violation of the prescribed monthly total flying hours of cabin crew in view of air safety?

THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) As per the agreement signed with the Air Corporation Employees' Union, the flight duty time and flight time of cabin crew in a period of 24 hours are 11 hours and 8 hours respectively and the maximum flying hours flown are 80 per month.

(c) and (d) There are a few cases in which the prescribed monthly flying hours are exceeded due to the airport stand-by cabin crew being put to operate day return/night stop flights, restricted utilisation of staff on medical grounds, last minute sick reporting/casual leave and break down of transport, change of crew due to Flight Duty Time Limitation etc.

(e) The duty time limitations of cabin crew are purely a matter between the Airlines and the staff. While every effort is made not to roster the cabin crew beyond the prescribed Flight Duty Time Limitations, it may become necessary in some cases to go beyond the limit in the interest of passengers' convenience.

Interim Relief for Air India Employees

4454. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the year when the wage settlements with various Associations/Unions/Guilds in Air India expire;

(b) whether Government propose to pay interim relief to the employees of Air India pending fresh settlement;

(c) if so, what is the quantum proposed for various categories; and

(d) if the answer to part (b) above be in negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The wage settlements with various Associations/Unions/Guilds in Air India expired in the year 1990.

(b) to (d) The matter is under consideration.